

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
BUDGET STUDY SESSION
MAY 27, 2008**

The Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 27th day of May, 2008, at the hour of 5:35 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Assistant to the City Manager Lindy Coe-Juell led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ward, Tell, Aldinger and Mayor Montgomery.
Cohen (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Absent: None.
Clerk: Dolan (Acting).

SCHEDULED

05/27/08-1. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Proposed Budget and 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plan

City Manager Geoff Dolan provided the City Council with an overview of the agenda for the evening, and then introduced Finance Director Bruce Moe.

Finance Director Moe provided a PowerPoint presentation that included a list of staff-suggested changes to the budget document that are recommended for inclusion in the adopted version of the budget. He also provided copies of the Five Year Forecast and a handout of four highlighted funds (General, Street Lighting, Storm Water and Parking) which need action in order to support those programs and operations. After explaining the recommended changes, Finance Director Moe discussed the assumptions used for the five year forecast, and related the projected revenues and expenditures for the four highlighted funds.

The following individuals spoke regarding their specific budgets:

Management Services:

City Council, City Manager, City Attorney & City Clerk – Lindy Coe-Juell

City Treasurer - Tim Lilligren

Finance – Bruce Moe

Human Resources – Cathy Hanson & Howard Fishman

Parks & Recreation – Richard Gill & Eve Kelso

Police – Rod Uyeda

Fire – Scott Ferguson

Community Development – Richard Thompson

Public Works – Jim Arndt

Council action items from these presentations included:

- Add \$5,000 to the Parks & Recreation, Cultural Arts program, advertising budget for the “Metlox Sundays” programs;
- Provide the Council with a schedule with the June 3rd budget report showing the realignment of positions and salaries that were presented in the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget (salaries, contract services and contract personnel line items);

- Provide information on the rates charged by the schools and other similar local programs for the proposed Playground Program fees and include the information in the June 3rd budget report;
- Allocate funds to outsource traffic studies for El Porto and Sepulveda areas;
- Add the Sepulveda Bridge Widening Project to the Capital Improvement Projects listing.

In addition to the action items above, Council sought clarification on the following items:

- An explanation of the deviation of the 2008-2009 Five Year Forecast of General Fund revenues and expenditures to the prior year's forecast for the same period;
- The dollar amount listed on the summary page in the Parks & Recreation department for the 2006-2007 expenditures for the Transportation program (page 59), since it varies from the amount listed on the program page within the department's budget (page 71);
- The amount budgeted for salaries in the Parks & Recreation Cultural Arts program;
- The amount budgeted for salaries in the Fire Department Prevention Program.

Additionally, the Council requested additional options for enhancing the senior transportation program above that which is presented in the FY 2008-2009 Proposed Budget.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the 6:00 p.m. Special Joint City Council/ Manhattan Beach Unified School District Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2008, in the Police/Fire Conference Room, 400/420 15th Street, in said City.

Bruce Moe
Recording Secretary

Richard Montgomery
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk